

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 211

Introduced by Assembly Member Cohn

January 31, 2005

An act to amend Section 8592.4 of the Government Code, relating to public safety.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 211, as introduced, Cohn. Emergency services: disaster assistance: equipment.

Existing law requires the Public Safety Radio Strategic Planning Committee to make recommendations for state agency purchase of communications equipment that will enable interoperability and other shared uses of public safety spectrum with local and federal agencies.

This bill would specify that the recommended equipment be industry-standard, open-source, and nonproprietary.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 8592.4 of the Government Code is
- 2 amended to read:
- 3 8592.4. (a) The committee shall determine which state public
- 4 safety departments listed in subdivision (b) of Section 8592.1
- 5 need new or upgraded communication equipment and shall
- 6 establish a program for equipment purchase. In establishing this
- 7 program, the committee shall recommend the purchase of;
- 8 *industry-standard, open-source, nonproprietary* equipment that

- 1 will enable state agencies to commence conforming to accepted
- 2 industry standards for interoperability specified in subdivision (a)
- 3 of Section 8592.5.
- 4 (b) This section may not be construed to mandate that a state
- 5 or local governmental agency affected thereby is required to
- 6 compromise its immediate mission or ability to function and
- 7 carry out its existing responsibilities.